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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I FOOD AID FOR INDIA

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1. KRISHNASWAMY IS CONFUSED. WE TALKED TO DIXIT TODAY AND WERE TOLD THAT HE CALLED ON HUME AND BELL (USDA) AT HIS (DIXIT'S) REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF STATUS OF TITLE I FOR INDIA. DIXIT WAS NOT RPT NOT TOLD NVN AID AND SOVIET WHEAT LOAN REPAYMENTS ARE PROBLEMS WHICH STILL MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE WE CAN CONSIDER TITLE I PROGRAM. THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED AND INDIANEMBASSY AWARE OF THIS. DIXIT SAID HE WAS PUZZLED HOW KRISHNASWAMY REACHED CONCLUSION THERE WAS STILL PROBLEM ABOUT THESE ISSUES.

2. REGARDING TITLE I, THE HOLD-UP FOR INDIA AND OTHERS IS
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THE NEED FOR DECISION ON OVERALL BUDGET LEVEL. WE EXPECT

A DECISION ON THIS SHORTLY AND WOULD HOPE TO THEN BE ABLE
TO MOVE AHEAD. WE APPRECIATE DESIRABILITY OF CLARIFYING
SITUATION TO GOI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. FYI: KRISHNASWAMY HAS ALSO MUDDLED THE FIGURES ON

A POSSIBLE PROGRAM. DIXIT TELLS US, BASED ON HIS
SOUNDINGS, HE HAS ADVISED DELHI THAT THE MAXIMUM THEY
CAN EXPECT IS 800,000 TONS, BUT THAT 500,000 TONS IS
MORE LIKELY. HE CONFIRMS LACK OF GOI INTEREST IN RICE
AND SORGHUM. USDA ANTICIPATING SOME RICE WILL BE

OFFERED TO INDIANS AND TELLS US THAT INDIAN BASMATI
RICE EXPORTS SHOULD NOT POSE A PROBLEM. END FYI KISSINGER

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